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1. Compescaria (Rumanian State Fishing Company) operates a fleet of about 20 small Diesel powered fishing boats. Two of these boats are of Rumanian manufacture; the others are smaller [redacted] 12 having arrived as 50X1-HUM recently as autumn 1949. These [redacted] boats are about 12 meters long and about three and one half meters wide. They are equipped with a small winch with an 80 horsepower Diesel engine, but have no rear platforms such as those on the two Rumanian boats. The [redacted] boats have a hold of about four ton capacity and are capable of a speed of about 12 knots per hour. 50X1-HUM
2. The fishing boats normally carry crews of eight to fourteen men. The entire crew is subjected to a second control by the Militia before they are permitted to enter their boat.
3. In addition to permits issued to personnel, each boat is required to obtain a permit each time it leaves port. Such permits are issued by the Militia at a special office maintained at the docks. This permit for the vessel also lists the names of the entire crew for the specific trip.
4. A further control is exercised at the extremity of the dock before the ship goes out to sea. In order to arrive at the open water the ships have to move to the open end of a slip which has piers extending on either side. At the ends of each pier there are Militia stations equipped with machine guns. These stations order each departing vessel to stop for a last inspection before putting out to sea and have orders to fire on any ship which refuses to submit to this inspection.
5. No ships are permitted to enter the port before 6 a.m. or depart after 6 p.m. The boats and crews are subjected to Militia control at the docks upon their return from each trip.
6. A notice is prominently displayed on the wall at the Compescaria offices, stating that should any fisherman leave Rumanian territorial waters or fail to return to port, his family would be held responsible.

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